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MONTREAL FOR US REP ICAO

REF: OTTAWA 793, 718, 672, 671; STATE 48640

1. TCO TOUCHED BASE MARCH 2 WITH BEVERLEY ARMSTRONG (CHIEF ECONOMIC AND SCIENCE SECTION, UN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS DIVISION, EXTAFF) WHO UNDER ROBERTSON IS DEALING WITH ICAO QUESTIONS. ARMSTRONG INDICATED NO INTERAGENCY MEETING TO DEAL WITH SECRETARY GENERAL ELECTION HAD YET BEEN SCHEDULED (AS THERE ARE OTHER UNRELATED ISSUES OF HIGHER PRIORITY TO BOTH EXTAFF AND MOT) AND CONSEQUENTLY SHE COULD NOT PREDICT WHEN THE GOC MIGHT TAKE A DECISION AMONG THE COMPETING CANDIDATES AND, OF COURSE, WHAT THAT DECISION MIGHT BE. SHE SAID THAT GOC IS, OF COURSE TAKING SOUNDINGS AS TO WHO HAS WHAT SUPPORT AND THAT THERE IS A DIFFICULT QUESTION POSED BY THE FACT THAT THERE ARE THREE WESTERN CANDIDATES IN COMPETITION. ARMSTRONG RENEWED ROBERTSON'S SUGGESTION (OTTAWA 671) THAT EXTAFF WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH US OUR IMPRESSIONS

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OF WHAT COUNTRIES ARE LIKELY TO SUPPORT WHAT CANDIDATES.

EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT, WHEN WASHINGTON HAS A CLEARER IDEA OF WHAT THE TRENDS ARE AND IF THEY FAVOR DILLON, THIS BE PASSED TO US FOR DISCUSSION WITH EXTAFF.

2. ON ICAO HEADQUARTERS QUESTION (OTTAWA 672) ARMSTRONG ADVISED THAT INTERAGENCY RECOMMENDATION TO CABINET WAS THAT ANY INCREASE IN RENT RESULTING FROM IMPENDING BANKRUPTCY OF BUILDING OWNER BE COVERED BY GOC IN ACCORDANCE WITH 85 PERCENT SUPPORT FORMULA. HOWEVER, SHE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THE CABINET HAD APPROVED THIS IN PRINCIPLE. ARMSTRONG ALSO MENTIONED THAT SOME CONCERN WAS DEVELOPING AMONG FISCAL AGENCIES ABOUT FACT THAT THIS EIGHTY-FIVE PERCENT HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN EXTENDED TO THE NATIONAL DELEGATION OFFICES AT THE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING. THE GOC'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS DOES NOT APPEAR CLEAR AND ATTEMPTS ARE NOW BEING MADE TO COST THIS AS A SEPARATE ITEM. SHE FEELS THAT THIS MAY BECOME AN ISSUE AT SOME FUTURE POINT.
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